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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

WE HAVE FOLLOWING BRIEF COMMENTS ON SECRETARY GENERAL'S
REDRAFT OF OECD DRAFT DECISION (REFTEL) WHICH YOU MAY FIND
USEFUL FOR YOUR MEETING WITH HIM OCTOBER 18.

WITHOUT GOING INTO LINE BY LINE COMPARISON OF VAN LENNEP'S
DRAFT WITH ECG DRAFT, THERE APPEAR TO BE TWO MAJOR AREAS
OF DIFFERENCE: (1) EXTENT TO WHICH NEW AGENCY IS CLEARLY
DEFINED AS INDEPENDENT AND SELF-CONTAINED INSTITUTION
WITHIN OECD FRAMEWORK, AND (2) EXTENT TO WHICH PARTICIPA-
TION IN EMERGENCY PROGRAM IS PRICE OF ADMISSION TO OTHER
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AREAS OF ENERGY COOPERATION ENVISIONED UNDER IEP.

ON FIRST POINT, WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT COMBINED EFFECT OF MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED BY S-G (DELETION OF WORD AUTONOMY, CHANGE IN NAME, ETC.) IS TO ERODE CONCEPT THAT NEW AGENCY SHOULD APPEAR AS INDEPENDENT, POLITICALLY FLEXIBLE INSTITUTION AND NOT JUST ANOTHER OFF-SHOOT OF OECD BUREAUCRACY. IT MAY NOT BE NECESSARY TO STATE SPECIFICALLY IN THE DECISION THAT NEW AGENCY IS "AUTONOMOUS." HOWEVER, THE INDEPENDENT NATURE OF THE NEW AGENCY SHOULD BE PUBLICLY VISIBLE. WE AGREE THAT NEW AGENCY SHOULD BE IMPLANTED WITHIN OECD FRAMEWORK, BUT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE

THAT THERE IS STRONG SUPPORT WITHIN ECG AND AMONG POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL MEMBERS (SWITZERLAND) THAT AGENCY HAVE AUTONOMOUS, DE NOVO AURA. WE DO UNDERSTAND S-G'S SENSITIVITY OVER HIS OWN ROLE, AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT FORMULATION PROVIDED FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO BE APPOINTED "WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE S-G" WOULD MEET HIS POINT; ALONG WITH OTHER POINTS IN L'S REDRAFT OF S-G'S DRAFT WHICH INTRODUCES IDEA THAT OTHER OECD COUNTRIES COULD PARTICIPATE IN SOME ASPECTS OF LONG TERM COOPERATION. IN FACT, WE HAVE ALWAYS ENVISIONED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE CASE AND THAT OTHER OECD MEMBERS COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN R AND D PROJECTS. HOWEVER, WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT AT THIS DELICATE STAGE IN ECG EFFORT TO MAINTAIN THE UNIFIED CHARACTER OF THE IEP. WE ALSO WANT TO INDICATE CLEARLY THAT WE WILL LOOK TO THE NEW AGENCY AS THE PRINCIPAL FORUM FOR LONG TERM ENERGY COOPERATION. WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME COUNTRIES WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LONG TERM COOPERATION AND/OR THE INDUSTRY TRANSPARENCY EXERCISE BUT WHO MAY BE RELUCTANT TO TAKE ON THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM. WE SHOULD NOT AT THIS TIME ENCOURAGE THEM TO THINK THAT THEY CAN EVENTUALLY GET INTO THE OTHER AREAS OF THE IEP WITHOUT JOINING THE EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENT.

WE DO RECOGNIZE THAT DRAFT DECISION AS IT CAME OUT OF LAST ECG MAY REQUIRE SOME MODIFICATION. WE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS AT FINAL ECG MEETING WHEN WE WILL ALSO HAVE BENEFITS OF RESULTS OF LOBBYING CONTACTS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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